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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 401/75) for

- I. a Regulation amending Regulation No. 121/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and the sluice-gate price for pig carcasses
- II. a Regulation amending Regulation No. 122/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and the sluice-gate price for eggs
- III. a Regulation amending Regulation No. 123/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and the sluice-gate price for poultrymeat

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By letter of 21 November 1975 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible on 28 November 1975.

At its meeting of 8 and 9 December 1975, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Hunault rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 6 and 7 January 1976 and at the same meeting unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution with one abstention.

Present: Mr Laban, acting chairman; Mr Hunault, rapporteur; Mr Della Briotta, Mrs Dunwoody, Mr Espersen, Mr Frehsee, Mr Hansen, Mr Howell, Mr Hughes, Mr De Koning, Mr Martens, Mr Schwabe (deputizing for Mrs Orth), Lord Walston and Mr Zeller.

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The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
- having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 401/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 475/75),

approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C269, 25.11.1975, p. 4

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The common organization of the markets in pigmeat, eggs and poultrymeat provides for a system of sluice-gate prices and import levies based on the price of feed grain in the Community and on the world market.

However, owing to fluctuations in cereal prices on the world market, the present system of using these prices as a basis in calculating the sluice-gate price and levy no longer provides an exact reflection of price trends in third countries. The present reference period is of nine months - six months for recording world market prices and three months for calculating and fixing the sluice-gate price and levy - and carries the risk that the cereal prices used as a basis for these calculations may no longer reflect world market trends.

2. The Commission proposes to reduce the reference period to six months - five months for recording average world market prices and one month for calculating the sluice-gate price and levy. Adjustments could then be made in due time and would not be vitiated by changes in the real level of prices in these three sectors.

3. The Committee on Agriculture welcomes the Commission's proposal which, although of a technical nature, will have positive consequences and will enable the sluice-gate prices and levies in the pigmeat, eggs and poultrymeat sectors, to be calculated on a more realistic basis.